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Applicant(s) : Mark A. REILEY
Filing Date : September 9, 2003
Art Unit : 3738
Examiner : Christopher D. PRONE
Title : Facet Arthroplasty Devices and Methods
Customer No. : 66854

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This amendment is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed September 8, 2009, for which a response is due December 8, 2009. A request for extension of time, up to and including March 8, 2010, accompanies this response.

Please enter the amendments and consider the remarks as follows.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6.